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Winter 2014 Issue

Holiday Event Calendar

Edgewood's Farmers Market
every Thursday 5 to 8 p.m.

12/04 Live Entertainment

12/11 Santa 6:30 p.m.
Gypsy Bluez Band
6:30—8:30 p.m.

12/18 Live Entertainment

01/08/15 Market re-opens

12/08—12/12
Cypress Grove Park
Festival of Lights

12/13 9th Annual Toys for Tots
Saturday 11a.m.—2 p.m.

12/21 Lk Conway Boat Parade

12/25 — 26 & 01/01

Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year
City Hall &
Police Department
closed

From the Mayor's Desk



Don't miss Santa flying into Edgewood on December 11th at approximately 6:30 p.m. Live entertainment, market vendors, food trucks, bounce house and slide for children and much more. Great time for family photos and pets (well mannered) are always welcome. The Holiday Season lights are lit so join us for a fun evening. If it's chilly out, fire pits will be blazing.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Mayor Bagshaw

*On behalf of the City of Edgewood,
Our Staff, Police Department
&
Elected Officials*



Meeting dates:

City Council

3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission

2nd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.

Code Enforcement Hearings

2nd Wednesday @ 9 a.m.

9th Annual
City of Edgewood



Saturday, December 13, 2014

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

City Hall at 405 Larue Avenue

Members of the United States Marine Corps
will be here to accept donations
of new, unwrapped toys for children ages 1 through 16

Fun for all ages:

Horse Rides
Face Painting
Bounce House

Check out the emergency vehicles of:
Orange County Fire & Rescue
Our Edgewood Police

Free hot dogs, chips and drinks

For more information please contact:
Edgewood Police Department - 407-851-2820
City Hall - 407-851-2920
www.edgewood-fl.gov



The Edgewood District



**Drop off boxes are now available at the
Police Department and City Hall**

A word from the Chief

To friends, neighbors and businesses,

It is hard to believe that fall is here and winter is knocking on our door. The Halloween yearly event was a great success here at City Hall. We hope that if you were not able to join us this year, you will be sure to come check it out next year. We held our Safe Trick or Treat at City Hall, 405 Larue Avenue.

As Christmas approaches please remember not to leave items in your vehicle within plain view while out shopping. Lock them in the trunk or place items on the floorboard in an attempt to conceal them. Most importantly, lock your vehicle's doors and double check to ensure they are all locked. While not at home, leave on some lights along with a radio. Always keep your doors locked, including the garage.

As part of our **Operation Safe Holiday**, we have partnered



with Waste Management and the Belle Isle Police Department in an effort to combat the normal increase in residential burglaries in and around the Holiday Season. We will be placing a large recycling container here at City Hall for the citizens of Edgewood to dispose of Christmas gift boxes. This keeps these boxes off the curb so the bad guys don't know what's inside your house! We do not want the criminal element to know that inside your residence is a brand new TV, DVD player, computer equipment, etc. Please help us fight crime by taking all your gift boxes to the City Hall recycle dumpster!

Be safe and have a great holiday,

Chief Chris Francisco

Please note that City Hall normally has their Red Light Hearings on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Due to the Holidays we will postpone the hearings until January 2015.



As always, if you

SEE SOMETHING

SAY SOMETHING!

**Please call 911 on ANY
suspicious activity!**

For additional information please visit our City website, Edgewood-fl.gov and you will find additional resources under the Police tab.

Feel free to come by and visit your Police Department Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. excluding holidays.

Your calls and questions are always welcome.

407-851-2820

Monday — Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Edgewood Progress and “Quiet Zones” ~ Council President John Dowless

Over the past four years, the Mayor, City Council and city staff have been steadily working to bring many long overdue processes and requirements up to date. Needless to say, the slow pace can be frustrating. But it is necessary to balance the time and resources being spent between overdue projects and Edgewood's daily demands because we have a small staff and a volunteer Mayor and City Council.



Nevertheless, a lot of progress has been made. Financial audits have been done, records storage is being brought into compliance, the overdue Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the City has been adopted and Edgewood's finances, safety, infrastructure and aesthetics have all been strengthened and improved.

- Financially, Edgewood has paid off its debt, held the line on taxes and balanced the budget through spending cuts.
- On roads and infrastructure, the council adopted a five year Capitol Improvement Plan and moved nearly \$1 million from reserves to road improvements to start this year.
- On public safety, our new Police Chief Chris Francisco has greatly increased training, and leaned out their budget. They are incorporating greater quality control measures for automobile maintenance, repair and replacement schedules and are actively reaching out and engaging the local community.
- Aesthetically, the Mayor has tenaciously cut through more red tape than you can imagine to add landscape to the Orange Avenue islands and roadsides. The city is also enforcing code more vigorously and the City Council just hosted a day long workshop with Urban Land Institute (ULI). ULI is a non-profit that brings together top notch talent to produce a plan that is feasible and a list of recommendations to help the city with beautification, redevelopment and branding. (More on this in the very near future.)

The great part of “catching up,” is that the citizens of Edgewood now get to start looking and planning for the future. One of those priorities are “Quiet Zones” for Edgewood's railroad crossings. Quiet Zones require added traffic control devices that allow trains to travel through road crossings without sounding their horns. Edgewood is working with Orange County and has applied for a matching grant from the state to help pay for the added costs.

Quiet Zone Survey: (please circle one)

- ◇ **Do you (support or oppose) “Quiet Zones” for Edgewood's railroad crossings?**
- ◇ **If the money was not in the current budget, would you (support or oppose) a reasonable temporary assessment to help pay for the extra cost for Quiet Zones?**

Please send your responses by email, fax or regular mail to:

City of Edgewood – Quiet Zones

Email: Info@Edgewood-FL.gov

Fax: 407-851-7361

Thank you for your participation!

**Edgewood City Hall
405 Larue Ave
Edgewood, FL 32809**

Santa Claus

will arrive by helicopter at 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Edgewood City Hall

405 Larue Avenue

5 to 8:30 p.m.

Come get your family & pet photos
with Santa

Bounce House

GypsyBluez Band

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Food Trucks: Louie's Bistro,
fantastic hummus, SMAC,
Backwoods Boys BBQ, K Burgers

Vanbarry's Beer & Wine Garden

Shop the Farmers' Market for
Holiday gifts, goodies,
produce & more

Donation boxes available for:
Toys for Tots
CARE Feline TNR



The Edgewood District



From the desk of the City Clerk....

~ Bea Meeks, MMC, CPM

bmeeks@edgewood-fl.gov



Municipal Election

The Municipal Election is March 10, 2015; qualifying begins Friday, January 9, 2015 at 9 a.m. and will end on Friday, January 23, 2015 at noon.

Holiday Schedule for solid waste service:

Per the City's agreement with Waste Management, the contractor **will not** provide service on the following holidays:

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

New Year's Day

Memorial Day



If the regular collection day falls on any of the aforementioned holidays, Waste Management will collect the refuse and recyclable materials on the next regularly scheduled collection day for the subject route.

Christmas tree pick up:

Residents can leave their Christmas trees on the curb for Waste Management to pick up on their scheduled yard trash or household garbage collection day.

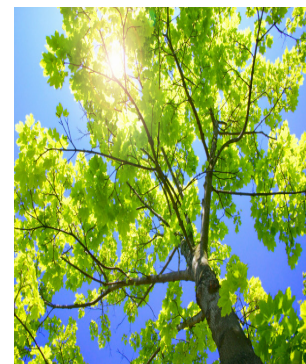


Hazardous Waste Amnesty day

The city and Waste Management will coordinate a hazardous waste amnesty day at City Hall in April 2015, for pick up of hazardous materials. See page 11 for Proper Disposal section.

Low hanging tree limbs:

Mayor Bagshaw, Chief Francisco and I met with Waste Management staff to discuss residents' concerns regarding low hanging tree limbs and the trucks that get scraped by these limbs. Waste Management confirmed that drivers will alert the City of the low hanging branches, so that the City can have them trimmed and keep them maintained.



New City Ordinance relating to garbage and recycling containers...

~ Bea Meeks, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01 – Solid Waste

When City Council approved this Ordinance on May 20, 2014, the approval included the following:

“All garbage and recycling containers shall be placed out for collection no earlier than 5:00 p.m. of the day preceding the day designated for collection and shall be removed not later than 7:00 p.m. on the day designated for collection”.



**The City of Edgewood welcomes our new
Planning & Zoning Member, Chris Rader**

~ Cinnamon Wild, Administrative Assistant

As the recording secretary for the Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Board Meetings, I would like to thank our past board member Jon Van Voorhis for his service. Jon served on the board from October 2012 to July 2014.

On August 18, 2014 City Council approved the appointment of Chris Rader to P&Z. Chris has been an Edgewood resident for over two (2) years and works for the City of Altamonte Springs as a Civil Engineer. He holds the following degrees:

- ◇ Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering
- ◇ Master of Science in Information Technology Management
- ◇ Master of Science in Environmental Engineering

We appreciate Chris's service on our P&Z board and believe that his education and background will be an asset to the City.

Thank you Chris for your service and thank you to Regina Dunay, Chairwoman and Board Members Susan Lomas, Marion Rayburn, and Wade Fischer, our current board members for your service to the City!

Edgewood Welcomes New Businesses

We would like to welcome the following new businesses, and encourage our residents to support both our new and current Edgewood Businesses.

All Terrain Construction, Inc. Home Occupation	Coast Dental Dentist Elana Oliver 4401 S. Orange Ave	Le Mode Esthetic & Spa 5205 S. Orange Ave
Any Style Beauty Stylist Lisa Tincher 5529 S. Orange Ave.	Conde Electric, LLC 4822 S. Orange Ave	LuLu's Kitchen 4777 S. Orange Ave
Beth's Burger Bar 5145 S. Orange Ave	Craters and Freighters 5525 Commerce Dr, Ste #7	Maxout Fitness and Martial Arts 4921 S. Orange Ave
Born to Wrap Tint and Protect 5500 Commerce Drive	Disdeca USA dba Bo's Auto 4922 S. Orange Ave	Orlando Metro Garage 5242 S. Orange Ave
Brown Law, P.L. 400 Gatlin Ave	Florida Tactical Guns & Firearms 5500 Commerce Drive	Phoenix Financial Partners, LLC 5509 Commerce Dr
Brant Brothers, LLC 5205 S. Orange Ave	GP Unisex Beauty Salon Hair stylist Guerlie Julien 4971 S. Orange Ave	Studio Nevaeh Stylist Junan Carlene Cheese 5205 S. Orange Ave
Browns Beach Cottages 400 Gatlin Ave	I lock 4909 S. Orange Ave	Studio Nevaeh Stylist Khamelia Watts 5205 S. Orange Ave
Capital Construction of Florida 5027 Oak Tours Dr	LCD Professional Solutions 5528 Hansel Ave	True Envy Salon Stylist Ashley Ardoin 4997 S. Orange Ave

If you are considering opening a new business within the City of Edgewood, please contact City Hall prior to leasing space for information on permits required to operate your business.

Business Tax Renewals

Friendly reminder....

For all Edgewood businesses if you have not yet renewed your Business Tax Receipt (BTR) please remember that you will need to renew prior to January 1st to avoid additional late fees.

Currently the renewal rates are as follows:

~ December Renewal Fees ~

Commercial Businesses: \$112.14

Home Occupations: \$45.36

~ January Renewal Fees ~

Commercial Businesses: \$116.81

Home Occupations: \$47.25

A word of thanks from one of Edgewood's Police Officers

On October 19th, 2014, I fell from a ladder at home and broke my arm, then subsequently experienced cardiac arrest. It was one of those freak accidents that you hear people talk about, and yet you never think it will happen to you. I was on the ladder one minute and suddenly found myself on my back with my wife, Elaine, one of our children, paramedics, Edgewood police officers, and neighbors surrounding me. The pain was intense and not something I think I will ever forget.

The break was a very severe one, and an orthopedic trauma surgeon was consulted. The surgery consisted of implanting a titanium rod through the length of my humerus bone, which is above the elbow and connects the elbow to the shoulder. Physical therapy and occupational therapy sessions should result in this rod eventually feeling natural to me.

More importantly, I am writing this to tell you all how very proud we should be of our city and police department, and to thank all of you for coming to my rescue when I was in trouble. Immediately following the accident my wife contacted 911, and two Edgewood police officers arrived at our home as well as paramedics. The genuine caring attitude and concern they showed for my family and I went above and beyond what I would have expected, and certainly more than I would ever have thought possible.

One of our officers followed the ambulance to the hospital, and stayed and waited by my wife's side to support her, and provide any additional assistance we needed. He stayed in contact with our children to make sure they were okay, and offered to bring them to the hospital. It was such a scary time, and as more officers as well as our Chief arrived to provide support for us I couldn't help but think of how very lucky I am to be part of such a great team.

Another officer provided a home cooked meal, which was delicious and so appreciated and other officers visited, brought a card, and continuously offered their support.

Chief Francisco came to the hospital numerous times after my accident, called daily to check on us and offered support, and has worked diligently with me to accommodate my healing time while scheduling me for light duty. We knew we could count on him for anything, as he made that clear from the beginning. He has been genuinely concerned about my well-being throughout the duration of my hospitalization and recovery time, and took away all worries. According to other officers, Chief Francisco would frequently be heard saying, "Chris and his family ARE family, we have to take care of them". He said these exact words to Elaine and me as well.

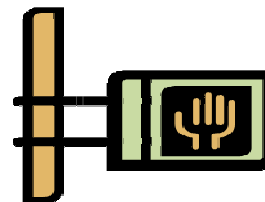
In the days following the accident and when I returned home, the true spirit of our police department and city was again shown to my family as we received numerous meals, visits, and calls offering support. I truly felt protected and supported, and am so very grateful to all of you. I know for a fact that things aren't always like this in all police departments. When I went down, my teammates surrounded my family and me with a layer of protection, caring, and guidance, and I don't know what we would have done without all of their help. What you did for us will never be forgotten. Not a single call or kind gesture made by anyone has gone unnoticed. I am eternally grateful, and I couldn't be prouder to be a member of this police department and a resident of the City of Edgewood.

Sincerely,

Officer Christopher Meade

Household Hazardous Waste

Not every household item can be "flushed" or "tossed".



Wait a Moment before Disposing of Trash

Help protect the environment and our health. **Do not dispose of dangerous household chemicals in your garbage, do not pour them down storm drains, do not pour them into sinks, or bury them.** These chemicals pose a threat to Florida's drinking water.

What is Hazardous?

Product labels can tip you off to a potential hazard. Look for any of these words: Pesticide, Warning, Caustic, Poison, Acid, Danger, or Flammable.

Household hazardous waste includes:

- Paint and paint thinners
- Batteries (except alkaline/non-rechargeable)
- Used motor oil
- Antifreeze and brake fluid
- Household cleaning fluids
- Pool chemicals
- Pesticides
- Propane tanks



Before You Go

Before you bring your household hazardous waste to a community collection event or a facility:

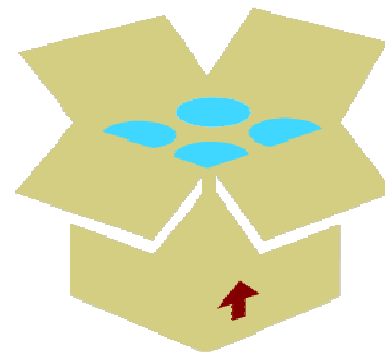
1. Use up any material that is still usable.
2. Label the material. If you do not know what the material is, label it "unknown." Do not mix different or unknown materials together.

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Household Hazardous Waste

Before You Go (continued from page 10)

3. Pack leaking containers in a larger container with absorbent material, such as kitty litter, to soak up leaks. Use boxes with dividers for easy packaging and transport.



Do not bring gas cylinders (other than propane tanks), biologically active materials, radioactive materials, explosives, ammunition, or tires. For these materials, please contact the Orange County Environmental staff at 407-836-6601.

Proper Disposal

Bring your household hazardous waste to one of two Orange County household Hazardous Waste Facilities.

Attendants are present at both facilities to help with unloading.

We will be holding a Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day in April in the coming year! Date will be announced through the City's website

www.edgewood-fl.gov,  The Edgewood District, Nextdoor.com, and a robocall.



Orange County Landfill

5901 Young Pine Road, Orlando
Open Monday through Sunday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

McLeod Road Transfer Station

5000 L.B. McLeod Road, Orlando
Open Wednesday & Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Propane tanks up to **100 lbs.** are accepted.

Propane tanks up to **20 lbs.** are accepted



Florida's Fruit Trees



By Keri Byrum,
Assistant Director at Leu Gardens
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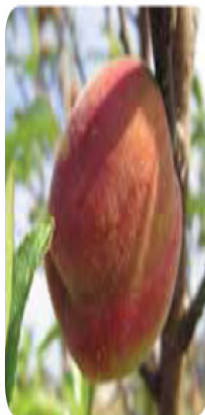
Is there anything more satisfying than being able to pick fruit from your own yard? Central Florida offers many options to homeowners for easy and delicious choices. Let's look at a few options that will add an edible element to your home.



Starfruit, or Carambola, are one of the easiest small trees to grow and will often produce fruit in their first year. These trees rarely reach more than 20 feet tall

and produce several crops each season. They are tropical in nature, so during a cold winter they may drop their leaves but will quickly recover when temperatures warm. Starfruit are often eaten fresh, almost like an apple, and really look nice when sliced crosswise to reveal their namesake shape.

Peaches are the new kid on the block when it comes to Florida's fruit trees. New varieties will now set fruit in our mild temperatures and, although slightly smaller in size, have tremendous flavor. Another option for small spaces, peaches



will grow to 12 feet tall and have a nice bowl-shaped form. It is very important to make sure to buy the varieties specifically for our area that do not need lots of cold weather. Look for 'FlordaPrince,' 'FlordaGlo' or 'TropicBeauty' as the best varieties for Orlando.



early spring. Loquats can reach 20 feet in height, so give them some room to grow when deciding where to plant. These trees are very tough once established and have little or no diseases or insects that bother them. The fruit is ripe when it pulls easily from the branch.

Figs are a fruit that are easy to dismiss, but make no mistake, their sugary fruit is delicious and you can save quite a bit of money by growing your own. Most figs are grown as a multi-stemmed bush or small tree and fit well in small spaces. These are deciduous, so expect them to drop their leaves in

the winter months and flush again in spring. Good varieties include: 'Celeste,' 'Green Ischia,' 'Hunt,' 'Jelly' and 'Brown Turkey.' If your figs start to get rust-like spots on their leaves, treat with an organic Bordeaux mix that will keep your plant healthy throughout the year. When fruit is ripe it will hang from the branches with a slight droop, letting you know it is ready to pick and enjoy.

What about Citrus? This is a tough time for growing citrus trees including oranges, lemons, limes, and grapefruit. Because of a new disease called Citrus Greening, I wouldn't recommend planting any new trees right now. This disease is spread by a very tiny insect and at this point it has infected every part of the state.

Citrus Greening does not have a known cure, nor is there a way to prevent it from infecting your trees. The main symptoms include decreased fruit production, yellow leaves and shoots, and asymmetrical mottling of the leaves. It is recommended to remove infected trees although it is not regulated at this time. Either way, there just isn't much we can do right now to prevent this disease from infecting our citrus trees.

Fall is a good time to plant fruit trees. Consider adding one of these edible trees to your yard and look forward to enjoying your harvests and sharing with family and friends. These are some of the easiest ways to grow your own food and won't require much time or effort!



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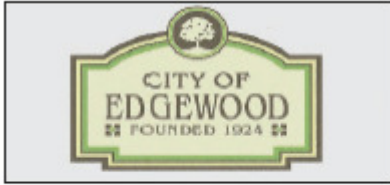
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neighboring city,
Belle Isle
a Happy Birthday.
They celebrated their 90th birthday this year!***

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